

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A fire-resisting composite yarn comprising:
- between 70% and 90% by weight of flame-retardant fibers, the said fibers comprising a polymeric material based on polyvinyl alcohol;
- between 10% and 30% by weight of at least one type of thermostable fibers which are formed from a non-flammable material.

2. (original) A yarn according to claim 1, characterised in that the flame-retarded fibers also comprise a flame-retarding polymeric material.

3. (original) A yarn according to claim 2, characterised in that the flame-retarding polymeric material is formed from polyvinyl halide, in particular polyvinyl chloride.

4. (currently amended) A yarn according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterised in that the thermostable fibers are produced from a polymeric material chosen from the group comprising para-aramids, meta-aramids, polybenzimidazole-imides, polybenzoxazoles, polyacrylates, polyphenols, polyamide-imides, poly-p-phenylenediamine terephthalamides.

5. (currently amended) A yarn according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a type of high-tenacity thermostable fiber.

6. (currently amended) A yarn according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterised in that the fibers forming the yarn are mixed intimately.

7. (original) A yarn according to claim 6, characterised in that it comprises between 10% and 20% by weight thermostable fibers.

8. (original) A yarn according to claim 5, characterised in that it comprises a core yarn formed from high-tenacity fibers and, associated around the said core yarn, a coating formed from other fibers.

9. (original) A yarn according to claim 8, characterised in that it comprises between 20% and 30% by weight thermostable fibers.

10. (currently amended) A textile intended for producing protective clothing, characterised in that it comprises at least one woven or knitted textile layer formed with yarns according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1.

11. (original) A textile according to claim 10, characterised in that the textile layer is dyed or printed.

12. (currently amended) A textile according to claim 10 [[or 11]], characterised in that it comprises, associated with the textile layer, a non-flammable impermeable/breathable layer.

13. (new) A textile according to claim 11, characterised in that it comprises, associated with the textile layer, a non-flammable impermeable/breathable layer.